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In re application of:  
Bernhard Lucas                      **DECISION ON PETITION**  
Serial No.: 09/488,398  
Filed: January 20, 2000

**For: CIRCUIT DEVICE WITH A CONTACT ELEMENT FOR ELECTRICALLY  
CONNECTING A WAVE GUIDE IN A NEARLY STRESS-FREE MANNER**

This is a decision on the petition received on September 17, 2001, to withdraw the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 C.F.R. 1.113 in timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed March 21, 2000. Which set a shortened statutory period for reply of two (2) months. Accordingly, this application became abandoned May 23, 2000. A notice of abandonment was mailed on July 31, 2001.

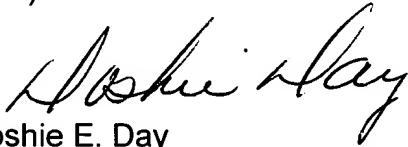
On September 17, 2001, the office received a communication from the attorney of record. Enclosed was an acknowledgement that the attorney never received the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed March 21, 2000.

The petition is hereby GRANTED.

The necessary surcharge fee to complete the application will be charged to deposit account 19-4675.

The application has been completed for release to Technology Center 2816.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Doshie E. Day".

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